

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-71

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE A CONTRACT WITH COMSOURCE, INC FOR THE PURCHASE OF PANASONIC IN-CAR VIDEO AND BODY WORN CAMERA SYSTEMS

WHEREAS, the Charlotte Police Department currently utilizes in-car recording equipment that is outdated in technology and function and is currently requiring repair that is cost prohibitive for old technology; and

WHEREAS, the Charlotte Police Department has utilized body worn cameras that are not compatible with current or any upgraded in-car recording equipment and software of like kind; and

WHEREAS, in the effort of the utmost transparency in the administration of law enforcement services to the community, the department has researched and tested for over a year all available quality manufactured in-car and body worn camera equipment either on the State of Michigan contract or through an independent source. The department has found a wide range of quality, pricing, compatibility and storage capacities and has determined that one manufacturer provides all equipment, hardware and software approved by testing, research and holds recommendation from the City's current Information Technology Consultant for purchase and long-term compatibility as well as approval by Eaton Central Dispatch for use with our in-car Panasonic computer tablets; and

WHEREAS, Digital Ally gave quote (\$ 43,844.00) without being able to match the long term storage solution and the lack of continual quality control of body-worn camera hardware; L3 Mobile Vision, Inc gave quote (\$51,373.00) and lacked quality, safety and ease of use in their entire system without adequate up-to-date storage solutions; Watch-Guard Video was unable to provide a body-worn camera with the size and battery life necessary for a daily shift and failed to answer three (3) requests for a quote; Axon Taser required a 5 year contract and was unable to provide an adequate in-car camera equipment solution with the highest quoted price (\$70,041.43); only ComSource Inc.-Panasonic brand offers quality and secure body worn camera devices and the best in-car camera solution, with software at a quoted price of \$65,649.00; and

WHEREAS, grant funded opportunities were researched and discussed with no viable options available, and the idea of mixing separate brands of equipment components were definitely not a suitable option; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Charlotte Police Department enter into a purchase agreement with ComSource Incorporated, the local provider for Panasonic in-car and body worn equipment, for five (5) in-car systems, sixteen (16) body-worn cameras, all licensing, software, chargers, installation, training and 5 year warranty in the amount of

\$65,649.00. This product is not listed on the MiDeal State of Michigan contract quotes options.